

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

May 20, 1998

PRESENT

L. Wallace, Chair
A. Marino
M. Dimon
S. Engelhardt
D. Mitkoski
J. Robinson
F. Pappas
E. Bogdan
V. Amato

ABSENT

D. Kelly
C. Chisem
I. Howell
L. Moore-Perry
A. Vasiliou
S. Shapiro

ALSO PRESENT

B. Santangelo

L. Wallace, Chair, called the meeting to order in Room 208 of the Municipal Building.

Minutes

Upon a motion by F. Pappas, seconded by M. Dimon, the minutes of the May 6, 1998 special meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Status Report

The Committee discussed the status of various projects listed on the report and expressed their concern on the amount of money still remaining unspent:

- ▶ The Armory - the Committee was advised that a contract had been signed with Kronenberger & Sons and that construction has started on the historic preservation of the exterior of the front of the building.
- ▶ CAGMC Multi Family Down Payment Assistance Program - the Committee was advised that there has been no reply to a letter sent to CAGMC. They are still waiting to hear from the Housing Authority.
- ▶ Program Administration 1997 - members were advised that \$95,000 will be drawn within the next two weeks to reimburse the General Fund for staff salaries.

Subrecipient Status Report

The Committee requested that another copy of the draft report be sent to them for their review. Discussion on this item was tabled to the next meeting.

Revolving Fund/Residential Rehabilitation

The Committee was advised that staff is still working with the Finance Department to clarify revenue line items. A report on the Revolving Fund will be available for the next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce/Worker Preparation Contraction Amendment

Committee members discussed the change in this program since Welfare Reform. The Worker Prep Program no longer can require that 16 Workfare people work daily on the beautification of Main Street.

Upon a motion by S. Engelhardt, seconded by A. Marino, the Committee unanimously approved an amendment to the Chamber of Commerce/Worker Preparation Program Contract to reflect the latest developments in their program.

A. Marino asked to have materials for items that have been tabled at meetings be sent out with the present agenda.

The Committee discussed staff activities and the proposed merger of the Municipal Development Office into the Planning & Zoning Department.

1998 Entitlement Program

The proposed resolution for the 1998 Entitlement Program, as it will be submitted to the Common Council for their approval, was handed out to Committee members.

Upon a motion by V. Amato, seconded by F. Pappas, the Committee unanimously approved to recommend the resolution as written be submitted to the Common Council for their approval.

V. Amato asked to modify a statement that he had made in reference to the Nehemiah housing on Green Street at a previous meeting. He had said that he felt that building should be demolished. M. Taylor asked him to come and look at the building. He did visit the building and went into the apartments. He said it is not as bad as he thought it was going to be. The apartments are neat and kept up well. They are cleaned and painted when a family moves out. The porch also isn't in that bad of shape. It needs to meet the code requirements.

Citizen Participation Plan

The Committee was advised that the Citizen Participation Plan will need to be amended. That will need to be done by notice in the paper, a public hearing and approval by the Common Council.

There being no further business to come before the Committee and **upon a motion by S. Engelhardt, seconded by A. Marino, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:15.**

They will next meet on June 17, 1998